(b) whether these festivals are being organised on the same pattern as were organised previously in U.K., U.S.A. and France and whether any new features have been introduced therein;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) how the participants for these Festivals are selected?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) USSR & Sweden. It will be an exposition of India's Cultural heritage and Contemporary Development depicted through its performing arts, folk and classical, exhibitions, seminars, film festivals etc.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In case of Festival of India in USSR, activities relating to Youth and Sports have also been added.

(d) The participants are selected by panels constituted by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations for the purpose and approved by the Standing Committee presided over by the Chairman of the ICCR.

Infant Mortality

1212. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rate of infant mortality in India during 1986; and

(b) what is the State-wise break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The latest estimates of Infant Mortality Rates as obtained from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India relate to the year 1985 and are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Estimated Infant Mortality Rates 1985 (*Provisional*)

S.No.	State	Infant Mortality
1	Andhra Pradesh	83
2	Assam	111
3	Bihar	105
4	Gujarat	98
5	Haryana	85
6	Himachal Pradesh	84
7	Jammu & Kashmir	86
8	Karnataka	71
9	Kerala	32
10	Madhya Pradesh	122
11	Maharashtra	68
12	Orissa	130
13	Punjab	71
14	Rajasthan	108
15	Tamil Nadu	80
16	Uttar Pradesh	140
17	West Bengal	77
	INDIA	95

S.T.D. facilities in Madhya Pradesh

1213. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for introducing of STD facilities between various district headquarters of Madhya Pradesh and the State Capital and also with Delhi; and

(b) the date by which work regarding provision of STD facilities for all the districts of Madhya Pradesh will be completed?